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Subject: Job: BIA Climate Change Coordinator Position GS-401-15 Open Now

Fellow tribal climate resilience advocates:

My position as BIA climate change lead is now open in <u>USA Jobs</u> (Apply by 9/2/2016 at: https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/446575100/). I'm retiring in mid-October, and (if we're lucky and act fast on the paperwork) we plan to have some overlap to help the next person get up to speed.

This is a great job with more than enough to do. The <u>BIA Tribal Climate Resilience Program</u> has very limited staff (essentially 3 people), but we are doing a lot of great work. There is funding and most of it goes directly to tribes, tribal organizations or training that directly supports tribes.

The position works for the <u>BIA Office of Trust Services</u>, but responsibilities and support goes well beyond BIA Trust. There's a lot of work with other BIA offices, DOI Bureaus, BIA and Indian Affairs Divisions, interagency federal partners, and non-governmental organization partners.

The <u>BIA Tribal Climate Resilience Program</u> supports tribal and BIA managers to integrate climate considerations at the project level. We don't implement anything. Our climate information funding supports tribal level planning, critical climate information and projections, and <u>decision support tools</u> for managers to enable them to leverage their program's existing projects budget to improve climate resilience. Look at the <u>BIA Greenbook</u> for a high level overview or our <u>BIA Tribal Climate Resilience Program website</u> (also accessible by visiting http://bia.gov/ and selecting *Choose a Category*: **Climate Change/Tribal Climate Resilience** from the right-hand BIA services selector).

The <u>position is advertised as a straight GS-0401-15</u>. For non-federal people, that means a candidate would have to have been a GS-14 for at least a year and working in a natural resources type position with high level responsibility for program management and leadership. Look at the OPM.Gov website for what a GS-14 does.

The BIA has Indian Preference in the selection of all positions. For tribal members, your CIB isn't enough, you need to look at the advertisement and get the right form signed before you apply.

I'm not going away for months yet, so I'm happy to answer questions.

Thanks, Sean Hart BIA Climate Change Coordinator.

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